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| For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR |) | Confirmation No.: 2966 |
| SECURING A LOAD TO A PALLET |) | |
| WITH A ROPED FILM WEB |) | |

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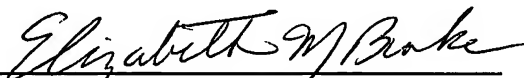
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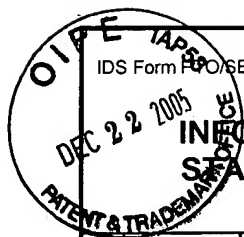
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